



October's News
Room 152



September was a busy month - adjusting to a new school year, new teachers and new expectations in Room 152.



Terry Fox Run

During this month some of the highlights were:

- Reading the book The Man With The Violin and watching a video that inspired the story
- Meet the Teacher BBQ
- Eating corn at the Corn Roast
- Participating in the Terry Fox Run
- The grade 6's vs. the staff soccer game
- School pictures
- Cross-aging to do up posters for the Terry Fox run
- Having Mr. Demko come in and talk with the class about his role in education and having a new school

named after him

In October we will be working on the following:

Reading – The students have begun the Accelerated Reading (AR) program in full force. It is great to see so many students reading daily and passing the AR quizzes. Some students have already taken 10 or more quizzes!

We have also started to use Raz Kids as part of our reading rotation. Using Raz Kids, students listen to a book being read to them and then they read the book independently. There is a short quiz at the end to ensure understanding of the text. Raz Kids can be accessed from your computer at home and is a great site for your child to use when you do not have time to read with them.

www.raz-kids.com If you need to input the teacher name, it is KPalace0 and your child's password is "book".

This month we will be adding Balanced Literacy into our reading rotation. The comprehension focus will be on "Making a Connection". When reading with your child, have them pay attention to moments, feelings, characters and places in the story that trigger links to their own life. Connections can also be made to other books that they have read or to the world around them.

Writing – This month I will be looking for complete sentences with correct punctuation as I teach ways to begin and end a paragraph. With Thanksgiving coming up, the students will get to be little turkeys (not the little turkey you are thinking of) to write a persuasive letter to the farmer explaining why they should not be eaten. The class will also be writing a paragraph with a Halloween theme closer to the end of the month.

Math- During the month of October we will be wrapping up the unit on addition and subtraction to 18 and a math test will be coming up within the next two weeks. Our next unit will be on Patterning.

If you look on the front page of your child's agenda you will see a password for www.sumdog.com. This is a great math site that your child can play on to build their math skills. This site also allows me to monitor your child's progress and see where continued work is needed.

Spelling – As Spelling tests are every two weeks, please be sure to have your child study their words. In addition, have them build new words using the letter/sound pattern they are learning. Without doing this, your child may simply be memorizing the spelling words for the test and not apply the patterns to spell words correctly in their writing.

I will be sending home word sorts from the Words Their Way Program that will assist with this. Please check out Mrs. Sutton's web site under Keenooshayo's e-teacher to see how this is done. As I mentioned before, on the Spelling tests I will give words that are not listed on the spelling words sent home, but that they should know how to spell if they use the letter/sound pattern in their word list.

Science- We are near the end of the Boats and Buoyancy unit and a unit test will be given October 14th. I will be sending home a study sheet so you know what to review with your child for the test. After that we will be doing a short unit on Bats which ties in with our last unit on Small Crawling and Flying Animals and with Halloween.

Social – Students will continue to learn about “Community” and look at the people and things that makes our community so special. Don't forget to have your child dress for the weather on the day of our Walking Tour of St. Albert. Please note that this happens to be on the day of retakes, so if your child needs to have a retake, please phone the school.

Dates To Mark On Your Calendar:

October 1 – Early Dismissal (staff meeting)

October 3 – Park Clean up

October 6 – School council meeting, feel free to drop by

October 10 – Turkey Trot

October 13/14 – No School

October 15 – Field Trip

October 15/16 – Parent /Teacher Learning Conferences and Book
Fair

October 22 – Picture retakes

October 24 – Field Trip and Halloween dance in pm.

October 31 – Halloween activities in the afternoon

**** Costumes are to be put on at lunch

To find a copy of this newsletter or to check out some great educational websites for your child, please visit the Keenooshayo web site then click on e-teachers where you can find my web site. Mrs. Wilson's web site also has educational websites listed, so be sure to check these out as well.